

SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF
Meeting Minutes
February 29, 2024
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Present: Boehler, Biwer, Christopher, Carriveau, Kuss, Koch, Lambie, Lenski, Ludwig, McArthur, Palmer, Schrader, Walfish, Zemke

Excused: Flieller, Miller

Absent:

Administrative Representative: Josh Garrison - excused

Guests: Molly Kopplin, Margaret Hostetler

1. Call to Order – President Boehler called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
2. Approval of the Minutes of February 15, 2024
Minutes stand approved as distributed.
3. Reports
 - a. President's Report -
 1. The Faculty Senate will be hosting two faculty open forums on the Referendum for the Confidence Vote of the Chancellor.
 2. Provost and President Boehler met, and they discussed the concerns of the Instructional Academic Staff across campus. Provost noted his sympathy and is hope of better circumstance in the future.
 3. Senator Christopher reported that the academic planning meeting was recently held and they are working on the details of the proposed restructuring models of the appointments of directors, and administration appointed or elected as Faculty Senate requested clarification.
 - b. Committee Reports
 1. Faculty Senate (Ludwig) – Highlights included: Their meeting was quite lengthy and was mostly comprised of discussion around the referendum on Academic Restructuring, at which they concluded on a need for an additional meeting soon to continue and decide then. They did discuss also, the Confidence Vote of the Chancellor and an issue with the discretionary fund allocation.
 2. Oshkosh Student Government – (Palmer) – Highlights included: A letter of support for Palestine was approved.
 3. University Staff Senate (Carriveau) – Highlights included: They had an update from Human Resources that covered the use of compensation time and discussed their upcoming professional development day to be held in June. Approval items included a few committee appointments, the Drone Policy, and the Name in Use policy.
 4. Access Campuses Report:
 - b. Fox Cities (Carriveau) – Highlights included: Meetings have included updates from their Board of Trustees and agreements between the counties and university. Campus leaders, Provost, and AVC Geary continue to meet and share updates with the campus as well.
 - c. Fond du Lac – (Flieller) – No report
 5. UWS Academic Staff Reps (Zemke) – Highlights included: The upcoming meeting tomorrow and is set to have policies changes presented during an open session with President Rothman, so please feel free to share any questions with her to bring to the meeting.
 6. AS Professional Development Fund (Miller) – Report prepared ahead of time: The fund still has some remaining money, and folks are still urged to apply.
 7. Leadership Council - (Carriveau) – Highlights included: No report

8. Administration Liaison (Garrison) – AVC Garrison was unable to attend but corresponded prior to the meeting to get be sure and continue to encourage everyone to share input in the process of the academic restructuring.

4. Action Items –

a. **Academic Calendars (2025-2029 through 2029-2030).**

MOTION: Christopher/Carriveau moved to approve the Academic Calendars (2025-2029 through 2029-2030). (13 YES), (0 NO), (0 Abstentions) Passed.

SAS 2324-08 The Senate of Academic Staff approved the Academic Calendars (2025-2029 through 2029-2030).

b. Unmanned Aircraft ‘Drones Policy’ – Updates

MOTION: Christopher/Carriveau moved to approve the Unmanned Aircraft ‘Drones Policy’ as amended. (13 YES), (0 NO), (0 Abstentions) Passed.

SAS 2324-09 The Senate of Academic Staff approved the Unmanned Aircraft ‘Drones Policy’ – Updates.

c. Committee Appointments

1. APC – Debra Golden
2. Academic Staff Professional Development Fund: Patty Schrader & Leslie Walfish
3. Bylaws Committee: Andy Miller, Tina Kock & Liz Christopher

MOTION: Christopher/Carriveau moved to approve the committee appointments. (13 YES), (0 NO), (0 Abstentions) Passed.

SAS 2324-10 The Senate of Academic Staff approved the following committee appointments: APC – Debra Golden; Academic Staff Professional Development Fund: Patty Schrader & Leslie Walfish; Bylaws Committee- Andy Miller, Tina Koch, & Liz Christopher.

5. Discussion Items –

- a. Senate Bylaws Revisions – The committee presented the updates made, which primarily reflect the removal of the Fond du Lac campus references in addition to some minor updates.

6. Information Items/Announcements

a. For the good of the campus/Items from Members -

- Updates recently given included: Fall enrollment benchmarks are looking good and this is good news.
- Senator Carriveau noted that campus is eager to hear what System does with the 32 Million of funding and what campus could do with the hopeful million we are anticipated to receive.
- Senator Walfish noted some upcoming exhibitions and shows, encouraging everyone to attend.
- Senator Lambie shared recent success with USP courses and workshops and student collaboration. Everyone was also encouraged to join them at the next scheduled career fair.
- Senator Christopher reported from the USP committee that they are working on creating subgroups and will begin gathering feedback to facilitate the process.
- President Boehler reminded everyone of the talented students of the Jazz Band and concerts, encouraging everyone to enjoy listening if you get a chance.

- Enjoy the upcoming Taste of Nations, they are always great!

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Dutschek,
Recorder